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Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Attn: Sue Corbaley

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of a proposal submitted by the Friends of the Dunes to transform the former "Stamps House" into the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center which will serve as both an educational and community facility. Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy will help make this facility accessible to all members of the community.

The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center will serve as a great asset to the community and will help advance coastal conservation in the region. By assuring the natural beauty and diversity of the coastal environment is protected, the Nature Center will make land available for generations to come. Educational exhibits and an information library will also help the community understand the importance of the dunes.

I support the Friends of the Dunes efforts to establish the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center. I encourage your favorable consideration of their grant request.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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July 25, 2008

Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Su Corbaley

RE: Humboldt Coastal Nature Center Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am pleased to offer my support for the application submitted by Friends of the Dunes for funding development of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center project.

The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center will be a great asset to our community and will help advance coastal conservation in the region by providing space for interactive exhibits, a resource library and improved access to over 1000 acres of coastal property. Funds from the Coastal Conservancy will help make this facility accessible for people of all abilities, and will leverage the Friends of the Dunes ongoing capital campaign and grant application efforts.

Friends of the Dunes have a long, respected, and committed relationship to the health and preservation of coastal environments in the Humboldt Bay region. The organization stands out as a leader in coastal education and restoration. The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center will further this mission of natural resource stewardship.

I encourage the Coastal Conservancy to continue its guidance and financial support for this most worthwhile project. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

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RE: Humboldt Coastal Nature Center Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of Friends of the Dunes development of the **Humboldt Coastal Nature Center** project as proposed by the Friends of the Dunes for funding consideration by the State Coastal Conservancy. The project will involve transforming the former "Stamps House" into a Nature Center that will serve as a gateway to the dunes with space for interactive exhibits about the importance of coastal habitats, meeting space, resource library and access to over 1000 acres of coastal property managed for public access and natural resource protection. The unique building design with both ocean and bay views provides access to the beach and will help connect the public to coastal environments. Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy will help make this facility accessible for people of all abilities, and will leverage the Friends of the Dunes ongoing capital campaign and grant application efforts.

Friends of the Dunes has a longstanding, respected, and committed relationship to the health and preservation of coastal environments in the Humboldt Bay region. In evidence of that commitment, they have an exemplary record of coastal stewardship and community involvement including working with land managers throughout the Humboldt Bay region to coordinate volunteer restoration days, outreach at special events and public guided walks. The organization stands out as a leader in coastal education and restoration.

The Humboldt Coastal Nature Center will be a great asset to the community and will help advance coastal conservation in the region assuring the natural beauty and diversity of coastal environment is enjoyed for generations to come by providing public access facilities for the many local users and visitors from around the world who visit Humboldt County.

The Board fully supports this project and its vision, and encourage the California Coastal Conservancy to continue their guidance and financial support for this most worthwhile project.

Sincerely,


Jill Geist, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Attn: Su Corbaley

RE: Humboldt Coastal Nature Center Project

Dear Mr. Bosco:

As a resident of Arcata I have a special appreciation for the coastal dunes and forest that spread north of the Humboldt bay. I am pleased to support of Friends of the Dunes development of the **Humboldt Coastal Nature Center** project as proposed by the Friends of the Dunes for funding consideration by the State Coastal Conservancy.

The project will turn the former "Stamps House" into a Nature Center that will serve as a gateway to the dunes with space for interactive exhibits about the importance of coastal habitats, meeting space, resource library and access to over 1000 acres of coastal property managed for public access and natural resource protection. The unique building design with both ocean and bay views provides access to the beach and will help connect the public to coastal environments.

The Humboldt Bay beaches and dunes are the largest continuous dune system in northern California. These unique and beautiful coastal dunes and forest stretches along a thin 34-mile section of our coast.

Coastal Conservancy is leading California's effort to both preserve our great coastal resources but to also assure public access and understanding of the importance of our coast. As always, I greatly appreciate your attention to these important projects.

Sincerely,


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cc: Carol Vander Meer

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